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As far as the bill, you're looking at it wrong. You're looking whether a horse race is a horse race. I think it just boils down to this, why there should be a distinction between a new thoroughbred meet and a new quarterhorse meet. That's the basis of his opinion.

I'm going to agree with Senator Kelly. I think that this bill was not needed. Deshler, a small town, raised their own money. McCook raised their own money, Broken Bow raised their own money. Quoting from the Grand Island Independent, Kearney, in three years, managed to come up with \$20,000 in donations. Either they've got the wrong guys on their donation committee or perhaps they're tighter with their money.

I think this bill should be brought back, disposed of. As I said before after conferring with Bond Council, I'm not as worried as I was because they're not going to get them anyway. I think the Legislature would look better if we brought the bill back and properly disposed of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills, do you want to close debate on this matter.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I really don't have too much else to say. I think it's been significant when it's been discussed. I think that those persons who are proponents of the bill have certainly exerted themselves here so far today and have taken a piece of paper, waive it around, said it doesn't mean anything when in fact it does mean something. As I said earlier, the bill has a lien placed against it by this piece of paper. It has a lien placed against it by the Attorney General's opinion. I think we should all get on our horses and help bring 519 back. Even those people who are in favor of the bill, it will be hard for them to vote red, maybe they'll vote kind of pink.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the Legislature reconsider its action on LB 519. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Record. Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, how many are excused?

CLERK: We have nine gone, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: There are nine excused for absent for other reasons. Nine and fifteen.

SENATOR MILLS: They're off and running!

PRESIDENT: Report the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 18 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. LB 711 which is an appropriate number right now.